GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ETHNIC IDENTITY OF LAMBADIS .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Anthropological Survey of India has collected several cultural artifacts of Lambadis for preservation ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government to preserve the 'ethnic identity' of the tribal culture among the Lambadis a Tribal Group in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b & c) The Anthropological Survey of India has collected several cultural artifacts of Lambadis and preserved and displayed them in the Zonal Museum at Mysore. The Anthropological Survey of India has organized two exhibitions of 'Human Origins, Genome and People of India' and 'Celebrating Cultural Diversity', where the Lambadi Culture is also displayed. Ethnographic reports on Lambadi community are prepared and published in 'People of India, Andhra Pradesh state volume' and 'The Scheduled Tribes', People of India, National series of Anthropological Survey of India. The Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya

(IGRMS), Bhopal has a good collection of cultural objects including material culture, arts and crafts relating to Lambadis. The IGRMS has also organized presentation of performing arts relating to the Lambadis.